

What is claimed:

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An apparatus for controlling remote devices  
comprising:

- 5 a central device including a database of events;  
a remote device connected to a resistive or inductive  
electrical load;  
a communications link adapted to communicate data from  
the central device to the remote device related to  
10 an event.

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The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the database  
comprises a schedule of events.

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- 15 The apparatus of claim 2 wherein the schedule of  
events is related to operation of the resistive or  
inductive electrical load.

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- The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the central device  
20 is a computer or network of computers.

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The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the remote device  
comprises a digital controller.

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- 25 The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the resistive or  
inductive electrical load comprises a lighting device.

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The apparatus of claim 6 wherein the lighting device comprises a wide-area lighting device.

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5       The apparatus of claim 7 wherein the wide-area lighting device comprises sports lighting or security lighting.

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10       The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the communications link comprises a wide-area communications link.

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The apparatus of claim 9 wherein the communications link comprises a wide-area network.

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15       The apparatus of claim 1 wherein at least a portion of the communications link is wireless.

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The apparatus of claim 11 wherein said wireless portion comprises cellular communication.

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The apparatus of claim 12 wherein the remote device includes a cellular receiver.

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25       The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said data comprises instructions.

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The apparatus of claim 14 wherein said instructions include one or more of the set comprising turn on, turn off.

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The apparatus of claim 15 wherein said instructions corresponds to a schedule related to time and/or date.

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The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said communication link is adapted to communicate data from the remote device to the control device.

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The apparatus of claim 17 wherein said data from the remote device to the control device comprises information.

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The apparatus of claim 18 wherein said information is related to one or more of the set comprising status related to the resistive or electrical load, and status related to a condition at the location of the resistive or inductive electrical load.

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The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a plurality of remote devices, the communications link adapted to communicate data from the central device to the remote devices.

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The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a component to revise said database.

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The apparatus of claim 21 wherein said component to revise said database comprises a data entry device connected to central device.

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The apparatus of claim 21 wherein component to revise said database comprises a remote communications device connected to said central device.

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The apparatus of claim 23 wherein said remote communications device comprises a device which can communicate data to the central device through a communication link.

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The apparatus of claim 24 wherein the communication link comprises one of the set comprising a wide-area network, and a telephone network.

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A method for control of remote devices comprising:  
storing in a first location information related to one or more events related to a resistive or inductive electrical load;  
communicating data related to an event from said first location to a second location related to said resistive or inductive electrical load;  
carrying out an action related to the resistive or inductive electrical load at the second location in response to said data.

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The method of claim 26 further comprising a plurality of resistive or inductive electrical loads positioned at second and other locations.

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The method of claim 26 wherein said second location is remote from said first location.

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10       The method of claim 26 wherein said stored information comprises a schedule of events related to the second location.

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15       The method of claim 26 wherein communication of said data is accomplished over a wide-area communications link.

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The method of claim 30 wherein the wide-area communications link is at least partly wireless.

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The method of claim 30 wherein the wireless part is cellular communication.

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25       The method of claim 32 wherein the data is communicated over a control channel of the part of the communication link that is cellular communication.

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The method of claim 33 wherein the data is contained within a part of a mobile identification number on the control channel.

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The method of claim 34 wherein the data comprises an instruction related to operation of the resistive or inductive electrical load.

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The method of claim 35 further comprising a database including an instruction set, the instruction set including individual instructions each communicatable over a unique mobile identification number to the second location.

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The method of claim 36 wherein a cellular receiver is positioned at the second location to receive the data in the form of a mobile identification number, said cellular receiver configured to respond to one or more mobile identification numbers.

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The method of claim 26 wherein the resistive or inductive electrical load is a lighting device.

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The method of claim 38 wherein the lighting device is a sports lighting device or security lighting device.

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The method of claim 39 wherein the sports lighting device comprises a plurality of sports lighting lights, each comprising a resistive or inductive electrical load.

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The method of claim 40 wherein the plurality of sports lights can be located at a second location or multiple locations.

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The method of claim 26 further comprising revising the stored information from time to time.

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The method of claim 26 further comprising communicating data from the second location to the first location.

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The method of claim 43 wherein the data from the second location to the first location comprise information regarding status of the resistive or inductive electrical load, or a condition related to the resistive or inductive electrical load or second location.

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A system for control of remote electric devices comprising:

a central control including a computer, a memory in operative communication with the computer, and a database stored in said memory;

a set of remote controllers each operatively connected to  
one or more resistive or inductive electrical loads;  
a communications link adapted to communicate between said  
central control and said remote controllers.

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The system of claim 45 wherein said database  
comprises schedules related to operation of said  
resistive or inductive electrical loads.

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10 The system of claim 45 wherein said resistive or  
inductive electrical loads comprise lighting devices.

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The system of claim 45 wherein the lighting devices  
are sports lights or security lighting.

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The system of claim 45 wherein said communications  
link, at least in part, comprises a cellular network.

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20 The system of claim 49 wherein said communication  
link carries data over a control channel of cellular  
network.

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The system of claim 50 wherein said data relates to  
instructions regarding the operation of the resistive or  
25 inductive electrical loads.